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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-31 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the drawings, specification, Abstract and claims 1-31 are amended. The drawings, specification and Abstract are amended for clarification purposes only. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Allowance in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Enclosed herewith is a mark-up of Figures 1, 2, 6A and 8. Also enclosed is a facsimile copy of the corrected formal drawings. Applicants will file a clean copy of the corrected formal drawings within the next week.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 1-31 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. §112. The amendments made to claims 1-31 are made simply to correct various informalities throughout the claims, and are responsive to the Examiner's comments. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-31 now meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and thus the rejection should be withdrawn. Accordingly, claims 1-31 are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes

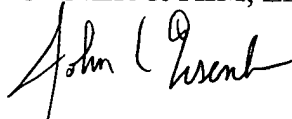
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would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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